(xi) Out of 1173 nallas, Municipal Corporation of Delhi have completed desilting of 1138 Nallas and work is in progress in 21 Nallas.

Environment in Zoological Parks

662. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the animals living in various Zoological Parks in the country remain in unhealthy conditions;

(b) if so, whether, due to insects bites a large number of tigers developed infections in the Nanadankanan Zoological Park at Bhubaneshwar;

(c) if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) the steps Central Government propose to take to issue directions to State Governments to create healthy atmosphere in Zoos.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) The conditions of housing of zoo animals and their upkeep vary from zoo to zoo Some zoos are not upto required standards of hygiene and health care.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Twelve tigers in Nandankanan Zoo have died between 23rd June to 7th July, 2000 due to a disease called Trypanosomiasis which is caused by a protozoan named *Trypanosoma*. It is communicated through flies.

(d) Central Zoo Authority had sanctioned Rs. 60 lakhs to Orissa Government for imporving housing and health care zoo animals. There are mandatory rules prescribing the standards of housing upkeep and health care of zoo animals.